

Latimer, Becky

From: PSCSC Communications
Sent: Sunday, March 21, 2021 12:47 PM
To: Duke, Daphne; Latimer, Becky
Subject: FW: [External] Comments Concerning Dominion Requested Changes to Solar Program

Mr. Sassard would like his comments added to the Docket.

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From: Ronald Sassard
Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 3:21 PM
To: PSCSC Communications <communications@psc.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] Comments Concerning Dominion Requested Changes to Solar Program

Dear PSC,

I am requesting the opportunity to address the PSC on March 23rd in support of not changing the current specifics of the existing DC Solar Program which includes the "Net Meeting" provisions past the 2029 expiration date. I am in the process of installing solar power in my Charleston, SC home. My info is:

Ron Sassard

Charleston, SC

email

I believe strongly that the SC Solar Energy Program is on the leading edge nation-wide in promoting clean, effective solar energy. This is a true benefit for the people of SC. The rationale that Dominion uses to justify changing to the "Net Metering" provisions and adding fees and facilities charges is based on faulty information.

They claim that they must maintain the grid and anyone who produces power should participate in these maintenance costs. The faults in their logic are as follows:

1. They must maintain the grid to each home regardless of any solar capability at any home.
2. Solar power is generated at "peak demand" periods. Have "end of grid" production at homes during peak periods which exceeds the individual home demand reduces the demands of the grid. It may also reduce line losses.
3. Solar power is of higher quality than grid power improving the power quality on the grid.

The truth of the matter is that D is looking for ways to improve profit margins while paying off the debt from the failed nuclear projects. Solar power is seen by D as an easy target. I have several friends who want to move forward with solar power but will not do so if the D request goes through. While use of a battery system would improve economics, the added cost puts solar power out of the reach of most.

I look forward to having my voice heard at the March 23rd hearing.

Regards,
 Ron Sassard